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Kei WATANABE et al.) Group Art Unit: 2822
Application No.: 10/668,277) Examiner: Trinh, Michael Manh
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF)

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicants file this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after issuance of a Notice of Allowance, and therefore enclose a fee of \$180 as specified under § 1.17(p), and a certification as specified under § 1.97(e)(1). This IDS supplements the IDS filed on September 24, 2003 and the IDS filed on October 7, 2004.

The Japanese document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Notification for Filing Opinion mailed by the Korean Patent Office on May 4, 2005 in counterpart foreign Application No. 10-2002-0044737, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,255,233, cited in the Korean Patent Office Action, was previously cited by Applicants in the IDS filed September 24, 2003. Therefore, Applicants have not included it on the attached listing.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO/SB/08 form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English document, an English language version of the Notification for Filing Opinion citing the document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

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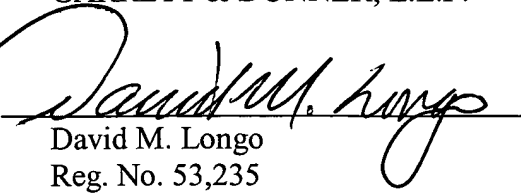
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Respectfully submitted,

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